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**Response to First Office Action**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the First Office Action of 02/12/2004, please reconsider the patentability of the invention in light of the arguments presented herein. Applicant submits the following in complete response thereto.

The Office is authorized to charge **Deposit Account # 19-0131** for any necessary fees regarding this response.